

GORDON COUNTY ROAD #24 SPANNING NEW TOWN CREEK
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Location: Spanning New Town Creek at County Road 24 near the Community of New Town in Gordon County, Georgia.

Date(s) of Construction: c. 1920 (GDOT Bridge Maintenance Records)

Present Owner: Gordon County

Present Use: Vehicular Bridge

Significance: The bridge is representative of the rivet-connected Pratt pony truss and is the only such bridge recorded in Gordon County. Based on the context of the Georgia Historic Bridge Survey (GHBS), the structure fits into the era of "historic" bridge building in Georgia and is a good example of the kind of smaller metal-truss bridges built in the northern part of the state during the historic period.

Historian: Jayne H. Maxwell, June, 1986

Gordon County Road #24 Bridge spanning New Town Creek is a rivet-connected Pratt pony truss. It is one of seventy-three Pratt truss bridges recorded in the Georgia Historic Bridge Survey and one of thirty-five trusses identified as a Pratt pony truss, twelve of which are Pratt half-hip pony trusses.

The historical context of this bridge is unknown. The Georgia Department of Transportation was established in 1916. Prior to the establishment of GDOT the responsibility of roads and bridges in Georgia rested with the counties. It has been found from researching a number of bridges on the Georgia Historic Bridge Survey that records of construction of bridges on county rural systems and to a large degree on state systems were rarely kept. Therefore, unless the bridge possesses a bridge plate identifying the date of construction, the bridge company or the county officers at the time of construction, it is virtually impossible to associate the bridge with historical events, periods, activities or people.